

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING February 8, 2023

Committee Members

Present

Mary Durham, Council Chair
Gladys Cortez
Eric Shahid
Lora Taylor
Kim Torres

Jesusa Palacios
Christine Reyes
Kami Shahid
Gloria Smith
Kathy Williams

Kai Brewer
Scott Daigle
Lauren Gerken
Sabrina Gonzalez
Crystal Goodwin
Genessee Klemm
Linda Logan

Regional Coordinators

Present

Council Members Present

Bill Coorsh

Rosa Guel
Canen Melton

Evan Marczynski
Sylvia Medina
Richard Rendon
Mary Rochford
Melanie Teague
Brianna TenBrink
Rey Valldejuli
Koren Vogel

Guests Present

Roger DeLeon
Daniel Goody

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, Executive
Director

Call to Order

The Executive Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Austin, 303 West 15th Street, Austin, TX 78701 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Council Chair Mary Durham called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. **Introductions**

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. **Public Comments**

No public comments were offered to the Committee.

3. **Consideration of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed, and no additions or corrections were noted.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 2, 2022, Executive Committee meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Lora Taylor

SECOND: Gladys Cortez

The motion **passed** unanimously. (February 2023 Meeting Materials, Tab 1)

4. **TCDD Quarterly Financial Report**

TCDD Finance and Grants Director Rey Valldejuli reviewed the Summary of Funds for FY 2021 – FY 2023 as well as projections for FY 2024 – 2026. Valldejuli reviewed the operating expenses and total grant expenses showing amounts obligated for each year as well as funds available for new grant projects. He also reported the stipend expenditures and individual expenses from current grantees.

5. **Continuation Grant Awards**

Chair Durham read a statement regarding Conflict of Interest prior to the consideration of funding for grant projects, reminding members, staff, and guests to excuse themselves from the conversation if a conflict of interest exists.

TCDD Grants Coordinator Sylvia Medina presented the executive summary for the Older Adults with IDD and their Caregivers project at Alamo Area Council of Governments.

MOTION: To approve up to \$175,000 in continuation grant funding to the Alamo Area Council of Governments for the fifth and final year of an Older Adults with IDD and their Caregivers project.

MADE BY: Kim Torres

SECOND: Lora Taylor

The motion **passed** unanimously. (February 2023 Meeting Materials, Tab 3)

Grants Coordinator Melanie Teague presented the executive summary for the Older Adults with IDD and their Caregivers project at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

MOTION: To approve up to \$175,000 in continuation grant funding to the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for the third year of a five-year Older Adults with IDD and their Caregivers project.

MADE BY: Gladys Cortez

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously. (February 2023 Meeting Materials, Tab 3)

Medina presented the executive summary for the Health and Wellness project entitled Advancing Behavioral Health Integration within a NCAQ recognized Patient Centered Medical Home for people with IDD at Baylor College of Medicine.

MOTION: To approve up to \$198,516 in continuation grant funding to Baylor College of Medicine for the fifth and final year of a Health and Wellness project.

MADE BY: Lora Taylor

SECOND: Kim Torres

The motion **passed** unanimously. (February 2023 Meeting Materials, Tab 3)

Medina presented the executive summary for the Health and Wellness project entitled Healthy LEAP from Special Olympics Texas, Inc.

MOTION: To approve up to \$200,000 in continuation grant funding to Special Olympics, Inc. for the fifth and final year of a Health and Wellness project.

MADE BY: Kim Torres

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously. (February 2023 Meeting Materials, Tab 3)

Medina presented the executive summary for the Complex Mental Health Needs and People with IDD entitled Project TEDD Training Educators in Dual Diagnosis from Texas Tech University.

MOTION: To approve up to \$299,914 in continuation grant funding to Texas Tech University for the fourth year of a five-year Complex Mental Health Needs and People with IDD project.

MADE BY: Gladys Cortez

SECOND: Lora Taylor

The motion **passed** unanimously. (February 2023 Meeting Materials, Tab 3)

Grants Coordinator Richard Rendon presented the executive summary for the Complex Mental Health Needs and People with IDD entitled The Whole Person Project from the Arc of Texas.

MOTION: To approve up to \$300,000 in continuation grant funding to the Arc of Texas for the fourth year of a five-year Complex Mental Health Needs and People with IDD project.

MADE BY: Kim Torres

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously. (February 2023 Meeting Materials, Tab 3)

Teague presented the executive summary for the for the Complex Mental Health Needs and People with IDD project from the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

MOTION: To approve up to \$300,000 in continuation grant funding to the University of Massachusetts Medical School for the fourth year and final year of a Complex Mental Health Needs and People with IDD project.

MADE BY: Lora Taylor

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously. (February 2023 Meeting Materials, Tab 3)

Rendon presented the executive summary for the Money Basics project entitled Cents and Sensibility from Project Amistad.

MOTION: To approve up to \$121,470 in continuation grant funding to Project Amistad for the third year of a five-year Money Basics project.

MADE BY: Kim Torres

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously. (February 2023 Meeting Materials, Tab 3)

Medina presented the executive summary for the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention project entitled A Comprehensive Approach to Ending Sexual Assault Against Youth and Adults with IDD from the SAFE Alliance.

MOTION: To approve up to \$149,997 in continuation grant funding to the SAFE Alliance for the third year of a five-year Sexual Assault Response and Prevention project.

MADE BY: Lora Taylor

SECOND: Gladys Cortez

The motion **passed** unanimously. (February 2023 Meeting Materials, Tab 3)

6. **New Grant Awards**

Chair Durham reminded members and guests of the Conflict of Interest statement before consideration of new grant awards.

TCDD Policy Analyst Linda Logan presented applications for the Coping with Grief and Loss project. Three applications were received and evaluated for funding by the independent peer review panel. The Council previously approved funding of \$125,000 per year for up to five years for one project. The purpose of this program is to develop and distribute educational resources that provide information on coping with grief and loss for people with developmental disabilities.

Applications were presented from My Health, My Resources (MHMR) of Tarrant County, Rice University, and Texas A&M Health Science Center.

MOTION: To award funding of up to \$124,886 to the Rice University for the first year of a five-year Coping with Grief and Loss project.

MADE BY: Lora Taylor

SECOND: Kim Torres

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Logan presented applications for the Adults with IDD Supporting Aging Family Members project. Five applications were received and evaluated for funding by the independent peer review panel with two recommended for consideration of funding. The Council previously approved funding for up to \$125,000 per year, for up to five

years, for one project. The purpose of this project is to develop educational resources to support people with developmental disabilities to fully participate in the care of parents or family caregivers who are aging.

Applications were presented from Alamo Area Councils of Government and Bandera County Committee on Aging (doing business as Silver Sage). Summaries of three applications that were not recommended for consideration were provided to Committee members.

MOTION: To award funding of up to \$125,000 to Alamo Area Council of Governments for the first year of a five-year Adults with IDD Supporting Aging Family Members project.

MADE BY: Gladys Cortez

SECOND: Lora Taylor

The motion **passed** unanimously.

7. **Grants Activities Reports**

Finance and Grants Director Valldejuli discussed the Grants Monitoring Report noting that five new projects started during the quarter, no projects ended during the quarter, and 12 projects are in the final year of funding. Nine projects will be considered for continuation funding at the May meeting. It was reported that Chair Durham approved a budget increase of \$1,648 to the University of North Texas Health Science Center for the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders project and that the Arc of Texas will not continue with the final year of the Advanced Leadership Training for Professionals project due to lack of staff.

Valldejuli reviewed the Risk Assessment report which groups the grantees by risk level and lists the risk factors to determine each grantee's level. There are currently no projects considered to be in the high-risk category.

Valldejuli reviewed the TCDD State Plan and Current Grantees Summary documents.

8. **Peer Review Panel Applicants**

TCDD Director of Community Engagement Genessee Klemm provided a summary of four additional applicants to be placed on the independent peer review panel list. It was noted that further research was conducted into the individual who was declined at the November meeting and that his information was found to be factual.

MOTION: To approve five individuals to the pool of potential Review Panel Members.

MADE BY: Gladys Cortez

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously. (February 2023 Meeting Materials, Tab 6)

9. Chair's Report

Chair Durham reported the expected absences of Maverick Crawford and representatives from the Older Americans Act programs and Disability Rights Texas. She also noted that she would be absent on Thursday and Friday and Vice-Chair Torres would lead the Council meeting.

10. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Stalvey reported stipends were awarded during the quarter:

- United Megacare (TD Jakes Ministries): Events Stipend for up to \$5,260 for the "60 Days of IDD Awareness" October 14, 2022, in Dallas.
- NAMI Texas: Events Stipend for up to \$6,228 for the "Community of Hope and Healing: the 2022 NAMI Texas Annual Conference and Awards Celebration" November 3-5, 2022, in Frisco.
- Jewish Family Services (Houston): Translations Stipend for up to \$3,000 for the "UP Abilities: ReelPeople ReelAbilities Houston Film & Art Festival" February 5-23, 2023, in Houston.
- Family to Family: Events Stipend for up to \$7,000 for the "16th Annual Conference & Resource Fair" January 21, 2023, in Houston.
- Coalition of Texans with Disabilities: Events Stipend for up to \$5,700 for the "2023 Advocacy Training" January 12-13, 2023, in Austin.
- Children's Disabilities Information Coalition: Translation Stipend for up to \$180 for the "CONNECT ALL: Transition Conference for Parents" January 27, 2023, in El Paso.
- Austin Travis County Integral Care: Speakers Stipend for up to \$7,500 for the "23rd Annual Central Texas African American Family Support Conference" February 7-8, 2023, in Austin.
- Jewish Family Services (Houston): Speakers Stipend for up to \$7,500 for the "UP Abilities: ReelPeople ReelAbilities Houston Film & Art Festival" February 5-23, 2023, in Houston.

Stalvey provided staff updates to note that the vacant TCDD position is being developed as a Data Analyst position to assist with data collection, reporting, surveys, and technical assistance to grantees on their reporting and will be posted soon for applications. Stalvey also reported that Council Business Coordinator Fernando Rodriguez recently resigned his position and staff will evaluate agency needs for that vacancy.

Stalvey noted that the annual report was submitted with over 70 projects and more than 17,000 participants in grant activities reported for FY 2022. A more detailed report will be provided during Friday's Council meeting.

Stalvey also reported special projects conducted during the quarter included input

provided to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid prior to visits on Home and Community Based Settings Rules; Public Health Workforce Expansion; Faith, Disability, and Inclusion Networks; and partnership with Texas Education Agency on the 18+ Transition project; implementing peer to peer calls with grantees as well as quarterly technical assistance calls with grantees.

11. **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

Committee members reviewed updated conflict of interest disclosure information for Council members and staff. No concerns were noted.

12. **Other Updates**

The next scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the Council meetings scheduled for May 3-5, 2023.

Adjourn

Chair Durham adjourned the Executive Committee at 3:58 p.m.

Beth Stalvey, Secretary to the Council Date